

SWOSU Student Selected as Brad Henry International Scholar

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SWOSU junior Erika Christner of Enid was recently selected as a Brad Henry International Scholar. She is one of only six students selected for the honor and is spending the 2010 fall semester in Wales. Pictured with Christner is SWOSU President Randy Beutler.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University junior Erika Christner of Enid is one of six students from Oklahoma's regional universities that were designated Brad Henry International Scholars and is spending the fall semester participating in an international study abroad program at Swansea University in Wales.

The study program was established by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in June 2008. The State Regents provide a \$10,000 stipend and academic credit for these programs are awarded by Oklahoma regional universities.

Christner is studying mathematics with minors in history, statistics and Spanish at SWOSU. After graduation, she hopes to earn her master's in education so she can teach English and math in the United States and around the world. Christner was a 2008-09 Distinguished Freshman Scholarship recipient and is a member of the Black Student Association.

Other students selected were: Summer Hill, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah; Christina Isom, East Central University, Ada; Aleshia Richardson, Langston University, Langston; Tori Strecker, Cameron University, Lawton; and Valorie Vernon, Rogers State University, Claremore.

"These students possess the academic talent, dedication to service and the leadership skills that makes them highly qualified for this program," Chancellor Glen D. Johnson said. "Through this program, they will learn the importance of succeeding in a global economy. We will look forward to these students returning home and sharing with their campuses what they have learned."